

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1126

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE 911 LOCATORS BE INSTALLED AT NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION WITH NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES

WHEREAS, In the United States, over 240 million calls are made annually to 911 for help. That means that over 240 million responses are made by Fire, EMS, Police, or a combination of all three. Unfortunately, many of these responses are met with problems when the address of the residence or location is not adequately marked for responders to find it quickly during an emergency. This is especially true in new developments and high-density or multifamily locations; and,

WHEREAS, the Locator 911 is a double patented smart LED light bulb that is used to replace existing front porch light bulb of light that is most visible from the road. When 911 is called, the bulb converts to a strobing beacon that changes color from red to blue to white and identifies the exact location that 911 was called from; and,

WHEREAS, a written proposal for the Locator 911 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**; and;

WHEREAS, the City’s Charter, codified in Tenn. Code Ann. § 6-19-101 authorizes the City to “define, prohibit, abate, suppress, prevent and regulate all acts, practices, conduct, business, occupations, callings, trades, uses of property and all other things whatsoever detrimental, or liable to be detrimental, to the health, morals, comfort, safety, convenience, or welfare of the inhabitants of the city, and to exercise general police powers.; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant may exercise its police power to protect the public safety, health, morals, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Mount Pleasant; and,

WHEREAS, considering the new construction in Mount Pleasant, the Commission believes that requiring 911 Locators to be installed at new residential construction with new residential addresses enhances public safety and is in the best interest of the City of Mount Pleasant; and,

WHEREAS, accordingly, it is appropriate to revise, update and modify the Municipal Code of the City of Mount Pleasant to require that the Locator 911 be installed at new residential construction with new residential addresses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Title 7 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding a new Chapter 7, Locator 911 as follows:

7-701. Locator 911 Applicability. The provisions of this section shall apply to all the territory within the jurisdiction of the City of Mount Pleasant and areas outside of the City’s jurisdiction where the City provides fire, EMS, or police services.

7-702. Locator 911 Requirement. A Locator 911 shall be installed at all new residential construction with new residential addresses.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage the public welfare requiring it.

Section 3: If any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance, or any exhibit or attachment thereof, shall be held in valid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, or of any exhibit or attachment thereto, but this ordinance, and the exhibits and attachments thereof, shall be construed the same as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein, or therein, as the case may be.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

Approved and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024.

WILLIAM F. WHITE, JR. MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHIPHRAH COX, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

KORI BELDSOE JONES, ATTORNEY